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Sir:

Prior Application Serial No. 09/865,942, filed May 25, 2001, received a Notice of Allowance dated February 9, 2004. The Notice of allowance was issued in response to a "Response to Office Action" filed by Applicant on January 13, 2004.

Attached to the "Response to Office Action" was an "Appendix A" in which Applicant set forth the status of the pending claims. Subsequent to Applicant's receiving the Notice of Allowance based on the pending claims set forth in Appendix A, Applicant discovered on May 7, 2004, that Claim 11 inadvertently omitted a clause to define the value of A¹. In addition, Claim 20, line 7, inadvertently included the value CdCL₂ in the Markush Group of Lewis acids. Several other minor typographical errors in the claims were also noted.

Since the deadline for payment of the issue fee would expire on May 10, 2004, Applicant has elected to file a continuation application and this Preliminary Amendment to correct the inadvertent errors discovered in the claims.

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Claims 11-14, 16, 18-21 and 34 remain active in this Application. A complete listing of all claims showing the status thereof is set forth in Revised **Appendix A** (pages 3 - 7). Please amend the claims accordingly.

By Applicant's calculation, no fees other than the filing fee, are due by reason of this amendment to the claims. If, however, any fee other than or in addition to the filing fee is required to authorize or obtain consideration of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 09-1928.

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